the State) during the first two years of the Ninth Plan were as follows:—

	(Rs. in crores)
1997-98	236.58
1998-99	386.00

Project Specific Assistance under Central and State Plans

2765. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central and the State Plans are proposed to be project specific assistance only; and

(b) what other steps taken to prevent the diversion of Plan funds into non-plan expenditure to make planning process more successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Outlays for certain important schemes/projects, including externally-aided projects, are earmarked. Moreover, Planning Commission monitors the implementation of Plans periodically to ensure that Plan funds are spent in line with Plan priorities.

Growth and Generation of Employment

2766. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been estimated by the Planning Commission that 2.8 per cent annual growth is essential for full employment by 2007 A.D.;

(b) if so, how does Government propose to ensure 2.8 per cent annual increase in employment opportunities;

(c) whether an effort will be made to identify sectors which can generate further employment; and

(d) if so, the details of sectors thus identified by the Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) As per estimate made in the Ninth Plan, an annual growth in employment opportunities of 2.8% in the post Ninth Plan period is required to achieve full employment by 2007 AD.

(b) The Ninth Plan aims at GDP growth of 6.5% per annum during the Plan Period (1997-2002) and 7.7% per annum in the post Ninth Plan period, which is consistent with a 2.8% growth of employment during the period 2002-2007.

(c) and (d) Growth of productive employment will be achieved through faster growth of employment-intensive sectors, sub-sectors and activities such as agriculture, agro and rural industries, rural infrastructure, small and decentralised manufacturing sector, urban informal sector, trade, transport, construction and services.

बृहत परियोजनाओं को पूरा किया जाना

2767. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या इस समय सरकारी क्षेत्र की 50 प्रतिशत बृहत् परियोजनाएं अपने निर्धारित समय से पीछे चल रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी परियोजनाओं के क्या नाम हैं और क्या सरकार ने इनके तथ्यात्मक कारणों का पता लगाया है;